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Commissioner
United States Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Commissioner:

An important act is on the docket at this time concerning downed cattle. The meat industry processes injured cattle, who harbor disease and bacteria, which the American public eats. This has been an important issue since the publication of The Jungle in 1904, when public circumspection of the meat packing industry augmented. The United States Senate passed the First Food and Drug Act in 1906, which drastically ameliorated the quality of food distributed to Americans. However, the act and those that followed it have not remedied the situation concerning downed cattle. I implore you to vote for docket 98P-0151/CP1 to rectify a forty-five-year old problem.

Sincerely,



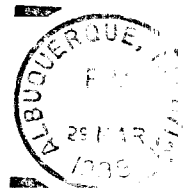
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